

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to ~~facilitate~~ pre-approve a bidder for network- based shopping, the method including:

~~facilitating a communication between~~ receiving an authorization communication,
over a network, at a network-based auction facility, and a seller the
authorization communication to authorize a the bidder to bid on a
particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the a seller; and
at the network-based auction facility, automatically recording the bidder as
authorized to bid on the particular sale listing responsive to the
communication.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the network-based auction facility requires ~~the~~ seller to authorize the bidder before the bidder may bid on the particular sale listing.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorization communication includes a seller request to authorize bidders to bid on the particular sale listing.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorization communication includes allowing the seller to add and to remove an authorization restriction multiple times during an auction pertaining to the particular sale listing.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, ~~wherein~~ including receiving a request communication, the request communication ~~includes~~ including a bidder request to the seller to authorize the bidder to bid on the particular sale listing.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, including providing access to the seller to a bidding history associated with the bidder and profile information associated with the bidder thereby to assist the seller in determining whether to authorize the bidder to bid on the particular sale listing.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the bidding history and the profile information are provided by the network-based auction facility.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the particular sale listing includes an at least one of a charity listing, ~~a special~~ an events listing and a holiday promotions listing.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the network-based auction facility includes an auction web site.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein an authorization restriction requirement is displayed on a ~~view item~~ web page that includes information regarding the particular sale listing.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein a seller vetting process information is displayed on a personalized web page of the seller that is linked to a web page of the particular sale listing.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the seller authorizes only a predetermined currency to be used to purchase the particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the seller authorizes a predetermined geographic area, and wherein the bidder within the predetermined geographic area is allowed by the network-based auction facility to bid on the particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller and a further bidder outside the predetermined geographic area is prevented from bidding on the particular sale listing.

16. (Currently Amended) A method to ~~facilitate~~ pre-approve a buyer for network-based shopping, the method including:

~~facilitating a communication between~~ receiving an authorization communication,
over a network, at a network-based shopping facility and a seller, the
authorization communication to authorize a the buyer to buy ~~an~~ a
particular offering offered for sale by ~~the~~ a seller; and
at the network-based auction facility, automatically recording the buyer as
authorized to buy the particular offering responsive to the
communication.

17. (Currently Amended) A system to ~~facilitate~~ pre-approve a bidder for network-based shopping, the system including:

a communications module to ~~facilitate a communication~~ communicate between a network-based auction facility and a seller; and
an authorization module to ~~facilitate~~ record a seller authorization of a bidder to bid on a particular sale listing via the communication.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the authorization module requires the seller to authorize the bidder before the bidder may bid on the particular sale listing.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the authorization communication includes a seller request to authorize bidders to bid on the particular sale listing.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller can add and remove the pre-approval restriction multiple times during the auction pertaining to the particular sale listing.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, ~~wherein~~ including receiving a request communication, the request communication ~~includes~~ including a bidder request to the seller to authorize the bidder to bid on the particular sale listing.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the communications module is to provide access to the seller to a bidding history associated with the bidder and profile information associated with the bidder thereby to assist the seller in determining whether to authorize the bidder to bid on the particular sale listing.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the bidding history and the profile information ~~is~~ are provided by the network-based auction facility.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the particular sale listing includes an at least one of a charity listing, ~~a special~~ an events listing and a holiday promotions listing.

26. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the network includes the Internet.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the network-based auction facility includes an auction web site.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein an authorization restriction requirement is displayed on a view item web page.
29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein a seller vetting process information is displayed on a personalized web page of the seller that is linked to a web page of the particular sale listing.
30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller authorizes only a predetermined currency to be used to purchase the particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller.
31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller authorizes a predetermined geographic area, and wherein a the bidder within the predetermined geographic area is allowed by the network-based auction facility to bid on the particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller and a further bidder outside the predetermined geographic area is prevented from bidding on the particular sale listing.
32. (Currently Amended) A system to ~~facilitate~~ pre-approve a buyer for network-based shopping, the system including:

a communications module to ~~facilitate a communication~~ communicate between a network-based shopping facility and a seller; and
an authorization module to ~~facilitate~~ record a seller authorization of a buyer to buy ~~an~~ a particular offering via the communication.

33. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions to translate instructions, the set instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method to:

~~facilitate a communication~~ communicate between a network-based auction facility and a seller, the communication to authorize a bidder to bid on ~~an~~ a particular sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller; and
automatically record the bidder as authorized to bid on the particular sale listing responsive to the communication.

34. (Currently Amended) A system to ~~facilitate~~ pre-approve a bidder for network-based shopping including:

a first means for ~~facilitating~~ communicating a communication between a network-based auction facility and a seller; and
a second means for ~~facilitating~~ recording a seller authorization of a bidder to bid on ~~an~~ offering via a particular sale listing responsive to the communication.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions to translate instructions, the set of instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method to:

~~facilitate a communication~~ communicate between a network-based auction

facility and a seller, the communication to authorize a buyer to buy ~~an~~ a

particular offering offered for sale by the seller; and

automatically record the buyer as authorized to buy the particular offering

responsive to the communication.